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- REFERENCE: A. () 1345 dated 31 December 1954
 B. () 1346 dated 31 December 1954
 C. () 1347 dated 31 December 1954
 D. () 3812 dated 4 January 1955
 E. () 1417 dated 8 January 1955
 F. HIR 33242 dated 13 January 1955
 G. () 1622 dated 27 January 1955

1. KUBARK, in an attempt to obtain the necessary program guidance and assistance, presented, in memorandum form, to an inter-CBTOKS "Atoms-for-Peace" working group, the planning and programming outlined in References.

2. Specifically, the memorandum recommended that:

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a. An appropriate element of OMYOKI contact Identity A, endorse his idea of a trip and confirm to him that the Japanese are extremely interested in his proposal.

b. A top level atomic physicist qualified to talk applied techniques be selected by the proper OMYOKI agency and be included in Identity A's party.

c. A high level OMYOKI official make some kind of quotable statement regarding Identity A's trip, not necessarily in direct support of Identity A's Atomic "Barrowman" idea, but offering encouragement to the initiative taken by private enterprise to develop the Far East through Atomic Power.

3. On 4 March 1955, the JUSA Headquarters desk was informed by the senior KUBARK member of the working group that the program outlined in paragraph 2, above, had been rejected with the following comments:

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- (2)(A) Privacy
 (2)(B) Method/Sources
 (2)(G) Foreign Relations

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- a. Before References were received at Headquarters, Identity A had been in touch with COMINT and other interested COMINT groups concerning his proposed trip. While these agencies sympathized and tacitly approved his trip and its purpose, they would not and could not officially endorse Identity A's trip. This position was further emphasized and strengthened in a joint statement by two Senate members, one a Democrat and the other a Republican, of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee disapproving of JAM's intention to establish any "Atomic Marshall Plan". As a final "clincher" to this negative approach, George K. CUFFELIN in recent statements has also shown a lack of enthusiasm for or support to any "Atomic Marshall Plan". Although COMINT would not officially endorse Identity A's trip, they would not place any impediment in his way.
- b. In view of the above, no high level ODYONE official will make "some kind of a quietistic statement".
- c. Only under the most unusual circumstances and only in highly centralized situations will the Atomic Energy Commission allow a "qualified atomic physicist" to travel outside the continental limits of the United States. It is not felt that Identity A's trip meets the "unusual circumstances" requirements and therefore no official "qualified atomic physicist" will travel with Identity A.
- d. KUBAR is in no position to officially endorse Identity A's trip or his proposed plan while in Japan. It is his in mind, Headquarters has made no contact with Identity A to discuss his trip. However, unofficially, through [redacted] it is believed possible to ascertain that Identity A will take his trip despite lack of ODYONE support.
- e. In view of the above, it is considered foolhardy that it would not be prudent for JAM to endorse Identity A's program if he did go to Japan. Since [redacted] believes he is dealing with a "confidential element" of ODYONE, any attempt to assist him or Identity A would be contradictory to the official ODYONE position, viz., Identity A's "Atomic Marshall Plan". Therefore, the whole program as outlined in reference will depend solely upon [redacted] and JAM's ability to carry it off without official ODYONE support. However, there would be no prohibition against KUBAR's covert support to the purposes of Identity A's trip, while he is in Japan.

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6 Forwarded under separate cover is a copy of the 18 March 1955 issue of U.S. News and World Report which contains an article entitled "The Atomic Revolution is Here". The paragraphs marked in red are of particular interest.

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Enclosures:

- (1) Identities s/c
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